

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 28, 2007
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairman), Mary E. Brower (Vice Chairman) arrived 8:00PM, Phyllis Snyder (Member), Ann Keen (Member), Elaine Preston (Secretary), Lynn Coine (Member), Roy Kolb (Planning Commission Liaison) absent.

Visitors

Mr. John Hoekstra, Director of the Watershed Advocacy for the Green Valley Association and Dr. Elaine Hustead, East Vincent Historical Commission, Lawrence Tietjen, Resident

Meeting called to order 7:01PM

Minutes

L.Coine motioned to accept the minutes of January 10, 2007 as amended

P. Snyder seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved.

P. Snyder motioned to accept the minutes of January 24, 2007

L. Coine seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

No public comment

Annual Report

E. Preston motioned to accept the Annual Report for 2006

P. Snyder seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. John Hoekstra, Green Valley's Association, Speaker

Mr. Hoekstra was invited by Mary Brower, Vice Chairman. Mr. Hoekstra explained how historic resources may be affected by flooding and stormwater runoff. Careful planning is required for development. Suggested we have many small retention basins and the homes should have collection systems to catch the runoff from the roof of the home. Mr. Hoekstra noted with the climate change, the 100 year floods are coming more frequently

than ever before. It was Mr. Hoekstra's suggestion that the citizens should contact State and Federal Politicians and ask them to institute laws to stop building in flood plains.

Mr. Hoekstra also mentioned that the National Flood Insurance program is in debt to the tune of 20 Billion dollars.

Mr. Hoekstra is acquainted with Mr. Cahill, who bought the David Heim property in East Coventry. He made mention of the poor design of the discharge basin across the street from the Cahill (David Heim) property.

Mr. Hoekstra suggested the Historical Commission request a copy of the Best Management Process Storm Water Notebook. It is available on the PA DEP web page.

Mr. Hoekstra was asked about West Nile in all of our detention/retention basins. He suggested the creation of the proper ecosystems in these basins to limit the probability of mosquito breeding.

Subdivision and Land Development

1. Stone & Manley

- The Planning Commission gave Stone & Manley Sketch Plan approval on Thursday, February 22, 2007. The Historic Commission had provided two recommendations in their letter to the Board of Supervisors, December 1, 2006. Stone Manley complied with the first recommendation to correct tax parcel numbers, but failed to comply with the recommendation to address the three historic resources as identified by the Historic Commission. Per discussion with Wendy Manley, she provided a letter dated February 22, 2007, committing to address the three properties in accordance with SALDO requirements. As the Historical Commission has noted no significant impact to site or adjoining site historic resources and Manley Consultants, Inc. has committed to comply with SALDO requirement, the Historical Commission recommends Sketch Plan approval.
- M. Brower motioned to send the letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.. P. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Hidden Acres

- Hidden Acres Estates received Preliminary Plan approval from the Planning Commission, February 22, 2007. It is noted that Hidden Acre Estates had not complied with historic resources requirements of SALDO to identify location and dimensions of all historic resources. As the Historical Commission has determined no significant impact on adjoining resources and Mr. Antonio

Chiefalo, representative for Hidden Acres, has committed to comply with SALDO requirements prior to final plan approval, the Historical Commission recommends Preliminary Plan approval.

- A. Keen motioned to send the letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors
P. Snyder seconded the motion
The motion was unanimously approved

3. Wineberry

- Discussion was opened on the Supplemental Historic Resource Impact Study for Wineberry Estates as prepared by Richard Grubb Associates, Inc. (It is noted this document is dated January 9, 2007. The Historic Commission did not receive a copy of this document until February 22, 2007, after requesting from the township after noting it referenced in Grafton Associations memorandum of February 13, 2007 and ARRO letter of February 12, 2007.)
- Mr. L. Tiejen, owner of the historic home on the Maack Residential property was present. Mr. Tiejen was not aware of the Supplemental Historic Resource Impact Study. Mr. Tiejen was given the opportunity to review this document. Upon review of this document, Mr. Tiejen stated he is not prepared to receive the stone (more than 400') from the wall when demolished and he is not responsible for mitigation measures for the stone retaining wall.
- Based on the additional information as discussed, Gail Brown is to prepare a recommendation letter to the Board of Supervisors.

4. Woodcrest II

- At the Planning Commission on Thursday night February 22, 2007, the commission denied the plan.

5. Painter Tract

- Painter Tract representatives discussed the proposed subdivision with Planning Commission members at the February 22, 2007 meeting. The Planning Commission noted several issues to be addressed by the applicant in order to bring the plans into compliance with SALDO.

Discussion Items

- E. Preston was directed to get an extra key for the new file cabinet
- E. Preston and A. Keen are to move the files from the old file cabinet into the new file cabinet.

- E. Preston and A. Keen to provide sign out sheets for use when items are temporarily removed from the files. E. Preston is developing a directive for access to the Historical Commission files. She has proposed appointments be arranged with citizens to access these files, as does the Chester County Historical Society and Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC).
- G. Brown noted we have received confirmation from the PHMC for registration for the Spring 2007 Pennsylvania Historical Societies Leadership Forums. E. Preston is to attend instead of L. Coine. The forum program and speakers were discussed.
- G. Brown received a response from C. A. Lee, PHMC, in reference to obtaining National Register Eligible and Listed Properties in East Coventry Township. Ms. Lee explained these documents are available to the public by appointment and provided information to make appointments. Scheduling of appointment to be addressed at a later date.
- M. Brower has requested the 1980 Tax Parcel List from Casey LaLonde to further assist in identification of the properties on the Estelle Cremers list. This activity will assist in the identification of the Class I, II, III, properties.
- G. Brown is to make copies of Ordinance 79, which we all should read. The Historic Commission was enacted on April 4, 1994 by this document.
- M. Brower will give a release form for the calendar to L. Coine so she may obtain releases.
- E. Preston is going to make copies of the class material she received during the Jane Davidson class on Deed Research.

Additional Items

- Mr. Bryan Hunsberger, representative of the Telvil Hall Subdivision has faxed a letter from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). The PHMC's opinion is the property is not eligible under Criterion A for agriculture, as the chicken house has lost its integrity, and the house is not eligible under Criterion C, due to loss of integrity caused by additions and alterations.
- Gail Brown asked for a volunteer to work with her to train for the review and preparation of recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for Subdivision and Land Development. This would require a commitment of two additional nights a month to attend Planning Commission meetings. No volunteer was forthcoming.

G. Brown asked members to consider prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Historical Commission.

Adjournment

E. Preston motioned to adjourn the meeting

M. Brower seconded the motion

The motion was approved unanimously

The meeting was adjourned 10:00PM

Respectfully submitted

Elaine C. Preston

Secretary

East Coventry Township Historical Commission